

August 25, 2006

Snohomish County Canvassing Board  
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Dear Canvassing Board Members:

In accordance with RCW 29A.04.570, the State Election Certification and Training Program conducted a comprehensive review of election procedures in Snohomish County during the 2006 February Special Election.

The RCW also requires a follow-up visit prior to the next Primary or General Election to verify the County has taken the steps necessary to correct the changes recommended in the review report.

The following recommendation was discussed during my follow-up visit:

*Recommendation: Snohomish County should continue to train poll workers on the correct way to issue provisional ballots and clarify the wording in their poll worker manual to better reflect their current practice of issuing provisional ballots.*

**Follow Up:** The change to mail elections has essentially eliminated the issue with poll worker training. As a result, few locations will be issuing ballots. For those locations, Snohomish County will instruct their poll workers on the correct procedures for issuing provisional ballots. While provisional voters will be offered the opportunity to fill out a new registration form, they will be allowed to vote a provisional ballot even if they do not fill one out.

I am also pleased to note that Snohomish County has remodeled their ballot processing area which will greatly enhance their ballot security.

The Elections Department should be commended for their obvious dedication to the election process and their desire to improve an already excellent operation.

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I especially want to thank the Auditor and his staff for their cooperation and their great patience with the delay of the final official review report.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 360.902.4142 or [shmoos@secstate.wa.gov](mailto:shmoos@secstate.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

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